GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegation of taking up departmental execution though not prescribed in Administrative sanction and violating the procedure prescribed for departmental execution by entrusting the works to contractors in the Municipal Areas in Srikakulam - Departmental action initiated against Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer and others of Srikakulam Municipality – Inquiry Conducted – Charges held 'not proved' – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.449 **Dated.19.07.2023**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Appraisal Report No.71 (727/V&E/E2/2009), dated.14.08.2012.
2. G.O.Rt.No.169, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.01.02.2013
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.13 & 14, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.02.01.2013
4. Served copies of two C.Os from ENC./CDMA.
5. G.O.Rt.No.518, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.17.05.2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.222, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.11.04.2022.
7. Inquiry Report of Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, APUFIDC & Enquiry Officer, Enquiry Report, dated.24.08.2022.
8. Govt.Memo.No.20510/Vig.I/2022, dated.01.02.2023.
9. Written representations from the Charged officers received on 09.02.2023.
10. G.O.Rt.No.448, MA & UD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.19.07.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the V&E officials verified certain works taken up by the Municipalities and PH Department in Srikakulam District and observed that (1) Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer (2) Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer and (3) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality violated the procedure prescribed for departmental execution by entrusting the work to Contractors by inviting quotations and they committed procedural irregularities during the entrustment and payment for certain works executed in Srikakulam Municipality. Therefore, the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department had recommended to initiate departmental action against the above three officials of Srikakulam Municipality.

2. In the reference 2nd & 3rd read above, articles of charges were framed against (1) Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer (2) Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, and (3) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the

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then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing them to submit their written statement of defenses thereon.

3. In the reference 4th read above served copies were received from ENC, PH & CDMA, in respect of Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, and Sri B.Venugopal Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer of Srikakulam Municipality. In respect of Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, no served copy/WSD was received.

4. In the reference 5th read above, Government appointed Sri B.H.Srinivasara Rao, the then S.E. (PH), APUFIDC, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against all the charged officers. In the reference 6th read above, the Executive Engineer, Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Sri B.H.Srinivasara Rao, the then S.E. (PH), APUFIDC & Inquiry Officer, submitted Inquiry report concluding that, the charges framed against Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer and Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality of Srikakulam Municipal Corporation were held 'not proved' in the Inquiry.

6. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to (1) Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy.E.E. (2) Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer and (3) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed them to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer vide reference 8th read above.

7. In the reference 9th read above, all the charged officers have submitted their written representations duly accepting the findings of Inquiry Officer and requested to drop further action against them.

8. In the reference 10th, read above, orders were issued abating further action against Sri.S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd), as he was demised on 24.03.2023, in terms of Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension rules, 1980.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the findings of the Inquiry report, written representations of the charged officers and after following due procedure, it has been decided to drop further action against the remaining two C.Os., i.e., (1) Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer and (2) Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer of Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, as the charges are held not proved in the Inquiry.

10. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer and (2) Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer of Srikakulam Municipal Corporation.

11. The Engineer -In -Chief (Public Health)., A.P., Guntur shall take further

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necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

12. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Venugopala Rao, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, Srikakulam Municipality
- **through** the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
Sri Ch.Nageswara Rao, the then Asst. Engineer, Srikakulam Municipality
- **through** the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer –In –Chief (Public Health)., A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The General Administration (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Minister (MA & UD).
The PS to Special CS., MA & UD Department.
SF/SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER.